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Mr. Leonard Downie, Jr.
 Managing Editor
 The Washington Post
 Washington, D. C. 20071

Dear Mr. Downie:

Thank you for your letter of June 6 in which you say that you did not publish David Crook's excellent article exposing the injustice ABC News had done to the CIA because "its length...proved too unwieldy."

In view of the fact that The Washington Post frequently runs articles longer than that of Mr. Crook, I find this explanation difficult to credit.

For one thing, the Honolulu Advertiser, which has a far smaller news hole than The Post ran the article, breaking it up into three parts that ran on three successive days.

Surely, The Post could have done that. I note that you have just run a three-part series on Gonzaga College High School. You have devoted a total of 290 column inches to Gonzaga. The Crook article filled 158 column inches, not counting illustrations.

In light of this, don't you think it is a little lame to argue that space could not be found for an article of this importance?

Sincerely yours,

Reed Irvine
 Chairman

cc: Mr. Donald E. Graham
 Mr. David Crook